

PATENT APPLICATION
Serial Number: 09/961,076
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Claims 4, 7-10, 15-23, 25, 26, 28 and 34-36 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,735,199 in view of US patent No. 6,760,328.

Applicants herewith submit a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate a double patenting rejection over "prior" U.S. Patent No. 6,760,328 with traverse.

Claims 24 and 57 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,735,199 in view of US patent No. 6,727,132.

Applicants herewith submit a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate a double patenting rejection over "prior" U.S. Patent No. 6,727,132 with traverse.

Claims 29-33, 37-40, 42-50 and 59-67 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Terminal Disclaimers herewith filed for "prior" U.S. Patent Nos. 6,735,199, 6,760,328 and 6,727,132 overcome all rejections of the base claims for Claims 29-33, 37-40, 42-50 and 59-67. Therefore, Claims 29-33, 37-40, 42-50 and 59-67 are allowable as currently pending.

Applicants have reviewed the prior art made of record and not relied upon, and respectfully submit that it is immaterial to the present patent application.

Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections and objections are hereby traversed and overcome; the present application, including all pending claims 1-67, is in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested; resulting in a Notice of Allowance or Allowability.

The Director has previously been authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments during the pendency of this application to Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account Number: 501166. Fees for three [3] Terminal Disclaimers are Due. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.